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Dear Members of the House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications Committee,

I am sorry I cannot be there to present this testimony in person today. My name is Sherry Petersen and I am the owner of Palmer Electric Technology Energy Services, Inc. or P.E.T.E.S. for short, based in Missoula.

Since 1979 we have been providing quality residential, commercial and industrial electric service. We provide 24 hour emergency service and work on anything electrical in a residential, commercial or industrial setting.

Our company has realized the need for recycling fluorescent lamps. Each lamp contains a small amount of toxic mercury that is released into the environment if not captured. We have researched the disposal and recycling industry to find the most economical and safe means to handle these potentially dangerous items. Through our intensive research we have found that the best option is recycling. Through a strategic business partnership and with state registration we are qualified to recycle lamps, ballasts, computers, monitors and televisions and other electronic equipment in a fully approved manner meeting all EPA requirements.

At P.E.T.E.S. we understand that toxic mercury can leach from the lamps into the environment and present a health risk to humans. That's why we offer recycling services.

Senate bill 423 helps ensure the safe disposal of these lamps that contain mercury. I urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Sherry Petersen

Owner